total of 5846 km length of GQ, 1149 km have been completed, 4613 km are in progress and contracts for only 84 km are yet to be awarded. Delay, with respect to preponed target, is mainly due to various formalities which were required to be completed in respect of externally aided projects.

(c) All bottlenecks, suchas land acquisition, environment clearances, etc., are being removed with the help of concerned authorities/State Governments. All parameters of the Project are being monitored regularly.

SSIs in Himachal Pradesh

†1018. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by Government for establishment of Small Scale Industries in rural areas of Himachal Pradesh under the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the amount propose to be spent under this head in the State during the Tenth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) The setting up of Small Scale Industries (SS!) is an activity of the individual entrepreneur. Government, however, facilitate the development and promotion of SSI by providing grant for infrastructure development, imparting training for entrepreneurial and technomanagerial human resource development, providing common facilities, quality testing facilities and extension services, fiscal support, credit facilities, incentives for technology upgradation, marketing and export related information, consultancy, to create conducive situation and to motivate entrepreneurs to set up SSI units. While the development of small scale industries is primarily the concern of respective State Governments/ Union Territories, the Central Government support and supplement the efforts of the State Governments/Union Territories through various programmes and schemes which are implemented throughout the country in a unified manner for which the allocation of funds is made scheme/programme-wise and not State-wise. During the 9th Five Year Plan an approximate amount of Rs. 3662.68 crore has been

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spent by the Central Government for implementation of various Plan schemes and programmes for development of small scale industries in the country including Himachal Pradesh. Similarly, as intimated by Government of Himachal Pradesh an amount of Rs. 221.02 crore has
been spent by them for the same purpose.

(b) For the 10th Five Year Plan an outlay of Rs. 2200.00 crore has been made for implementation of the Plan schemes and programmes relating to development of small scale industries in the country including Himachal Pradesh. As intimated by the State Government of Himachal Pradesh, they have also made an outlay of Rs. 204.60 crore for the same purpose.

Sick SSIs

1019. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the existing number of Small Scale Industries functioning in the country as on the 30th June, 2002, State-wise/SSI-wise;

(b) the number of SSIs lying closed now;

(c) the reasons for the closure and sickness of SSIs; and

(d) the necessary steps being taken by Government to revive them in the national interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b)The number of Small Scale Industries registered upto 30.06.2002 is estimated at 27,35,652.The State-wise break up is given in the Statement. (See below) The information on the functioning and closed SSI units and their SSI units-wise break up is not maintained centrally. However, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) compiles data on sick SSI units financed by scheduled commercial Banks. As the RBI, the number of sick SS! units at the end of March, 2001 were 2,49,630.

(c) The main reason of sickness/closure are inadequacy of credit, technological obsolescence, marketing problems, managerial inadequacies etc.